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SUBJ: SEQUEL TO RADIO LIBERTAD CRITICISM OF AID

REF: PANAMA 7221

1. THE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY GOVERNMENT-OWNED RADIO LIBERTAD AGAINST A USAID EDUCATIONAL STUDY TEAM HAS TAKEN A NEW TURN AGAINST ITS AUTHORS. ON DECEMBER 20, THE GADFLY OF PANAMANIAN RADIO, RADIO IMPACTO, TOOK THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST RADIO LIBERTAD. IMPACTO'S POPULAR MORNING TALK SHOW WAS THE VEHICLE AND THE DIRECTOR OF RADIO VERAGUAS, WHICH ALSO WAS IMPLICATED IN THE RADIO LIBERTAD CAMPAIGN, WAS THE SPEAKER. THE DIRECTOR, SR. JIMENEZ, READ A LONG STATEMENT ACCUSING LIBERTAD OF MOUNTING A CAMPAIGN OF LIES AGAINST HIS STATION. THOUGH HE DID NOT OPENLY DEFEND USAID, HE IMPLIED THAT USAID LIKE RADIO VERAGUAS WAS AN INNOCENT VICTIM OF A DEFAMATORY ATTACK.

2. COMMENT: APPARENTLY SENSING THAT THE LIBERTAD ATTACK WAS THE INITIATIVE OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL WITHIN THAT STATION AND DID NOT HAVE THE BACKING OF HIGHER GOP OFFICIALS, RADIO IMPACTO CONSIDERS THE PERPETRATORS TO BE FAIR GAME FOR A COUNTER ATTACK. THE DIRECTOR OF CHURCH-

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SPONSORED RADIO VERAGUAS IS AN EX-EMPLOYEE OF RADIO IMPACTO.

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